

# BOSTON

## Massachusetts Old Tenor

*Manuscript 2/6*

1751 March 18

0 to 60 miles - - - 2sh 6d



Stampless folded letter datelined "Boston March 18. 1750/1" from Samuel Ph. Savage.  
No townmark, but rated at 2 shillings, 6 pence (2/6") Massachusetts Old Tenor.  
This is equal to 4d (pence sterling) rate for Up to 60 miles distance.

# SALEM

## SALEM SHIP

### 1754 Franklin rate chart

Salem to New London 3dwt

Ship Fee -----16 gr

Total ----- 3dwt 16gr

1757

Salem to New London 3dwt Ship Fee 16gr



Stampless folded cover "pr Capt Adams via Salem QDC" docketed "St Eustasia 1757"

To Cash 3  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Trumbull, Fitch & Trumbull  
Merch<sup>ts</sup>

at Norwich  
Connecticut

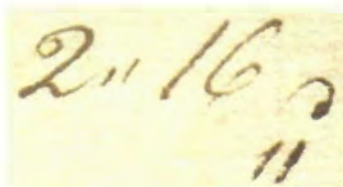
To the Care of James Pitts Esq<sup>r</sup>

at Boston  
New England

CA. 1760

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# BOSTON



## Continental Congress Resolution of 30 September 1775

*Manuscript 2 1/16*

2dwt 16gr

Connecticut Currency

Equivalent is 11d

1776 December 29

100 to 200 miles - - - 2dwt 16gr



Stampless folded letter datelined "Boston 29 Decr. 1776" from James Swan. No townmark, but rated at 2dwt, 16gr. This is equal to 11d Connecticut Currency

Resolve: Congress September 30, 1775

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles - - -	1dwt	8gr
60 to 100 miles - - - -	2dwt	
100 to 200 miles - - - -	2dwt	16gr
200 to 300 miles - - - -	3dwt	8gr
300 to 400 miles - - - -	4dwt	
400 to 500 miles - - - -	4dwt	16gr
Ship letter: additional - - - - -		16gr

# PROVIDENCE

Ordinance of Congress, October 18, 1782

Ordinance: Congress October 18, 1782

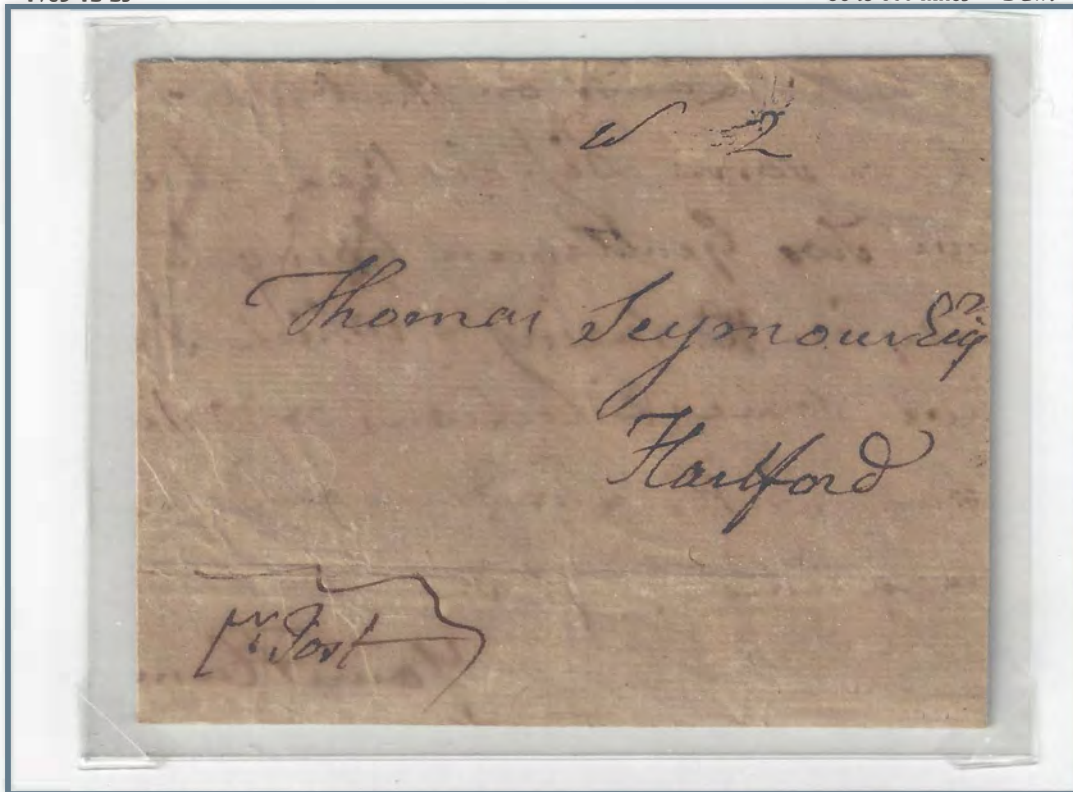
Prepaid or not

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60 to 100 miles - - - -	2dwt	
100 to 200 miles - - - -	2dwt	16gr
200 to 300 miles - - - -	3dwt	8gr
300 to 400 miles - - - -	4dwt	
400 to 500 miles - - - -	4dwt	16gr
Ship letter: additional - - - - -		16gr
Way letter: additional - - - - -		16gr

Providence to Hartford W 2 (Way 2)

1785-12-23

60 to 100 miles - - 2 dwt



Stampless folded letter "W 2" (Way 2) datelined: Providence, December 23, 1785, letter from Ephraim Bowen.

# BOSTON

Ordinance of Congress, October 18, 1782

BOSTON  
28x5mm

Aux Cayes Haiti to Boston to Norwich

1786-02-04



Stampless folded letter "Aux Cayes Dec. 1785", from Jabez Perkins Jr. re sale of horses and other cargo.  
 Letter carried aboard the Brig Hiram, Capt. Gross to Boston, arriving Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.  
 Address leaf received the BOSTON townmark, but unusual as it was not marked Free, Ship or rated.  
 The recipient Dudley Woodbridge was Postmaster.  
 The writer Jabez Perkins Jr arrived in New London from Aux Cayes on 21 May 1786.

**M A R I N E L I S T.**  
 NAVAL-OFFICE, Port of Boston, Feb. 4  
 INWARD ENTRIES

Brig Baltimore, Smith,	Baltimore
Christiana, Baker,	Saturnus
Active, Collas,	Aux Cayes
Harmony, Price,	Iditto
Hiram, Gross,	Iditto

1786-02-04 Boston Gazette  
 Brig Hiram. Boston arrival

**THOMAS ALLEN'S Marine LIST.**  
 Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant, serene morning,  
 wind at S.W.  
 Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant, serene morning, light  
 breeze at N.  
 Arrived, Sloop Betsey, Nat. Saltonstall, Virginia.  
 Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>. Lowry morning, wind S.S.W.  
 Arrived, Schooner -----, Jabez Perkins, Jun.  
 master, from Aux-Cayes, in 29 days, who in lat.

1786-05-26 Connecticut Gazette (New London)  
 Schooner -----, Jabez Perkins Jr arrival

Ordinance: Congress October 18, 1782

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles	---	1dwt	8gr
60 to 100 miles	----	2dwt	
100 to 200 miles	----	2dwt	16gr
200 to 300 miles	----	3dwt	8gr
300 to 400 miles	----	4dwt	
400 to 500 miles	----	4dwt	16gr
Ship letter: additional	-----		16gr
Way letter: additional	----		16gr

# NEW YORK

N-York. Feb; 12.

Type J

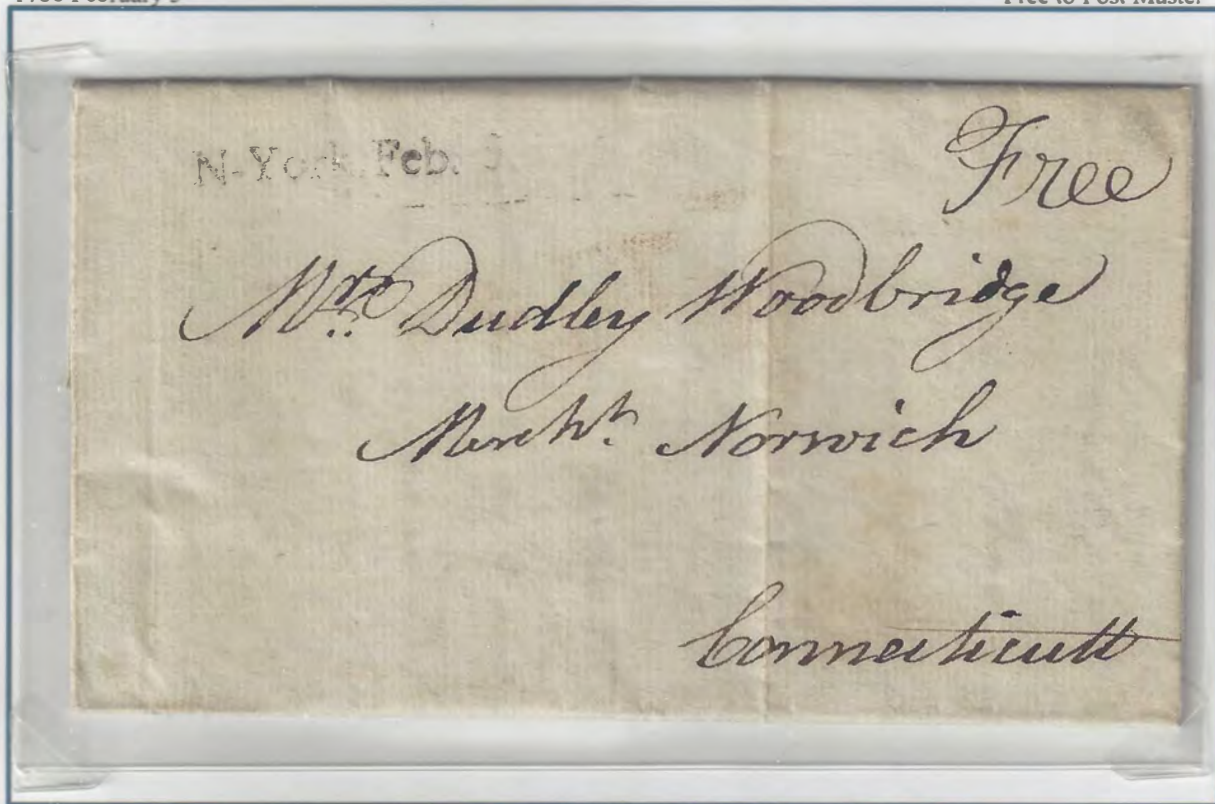
N-York Feb.

EARLY DATE

Free

1786 February 5

Free to Post Master



Stampless folded letter datelined "New York Febry 4<sup>th</sup>, 1786" from Eleazer Miller Jr.

Ordinance. Congress October 18, 1782

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles	---	1dwt	8gr
60 to 100 miles	----	2dwt	
100 to 200 miles	----	2dwt	16gr
200 to 300 miles	----	3dwt	8gr
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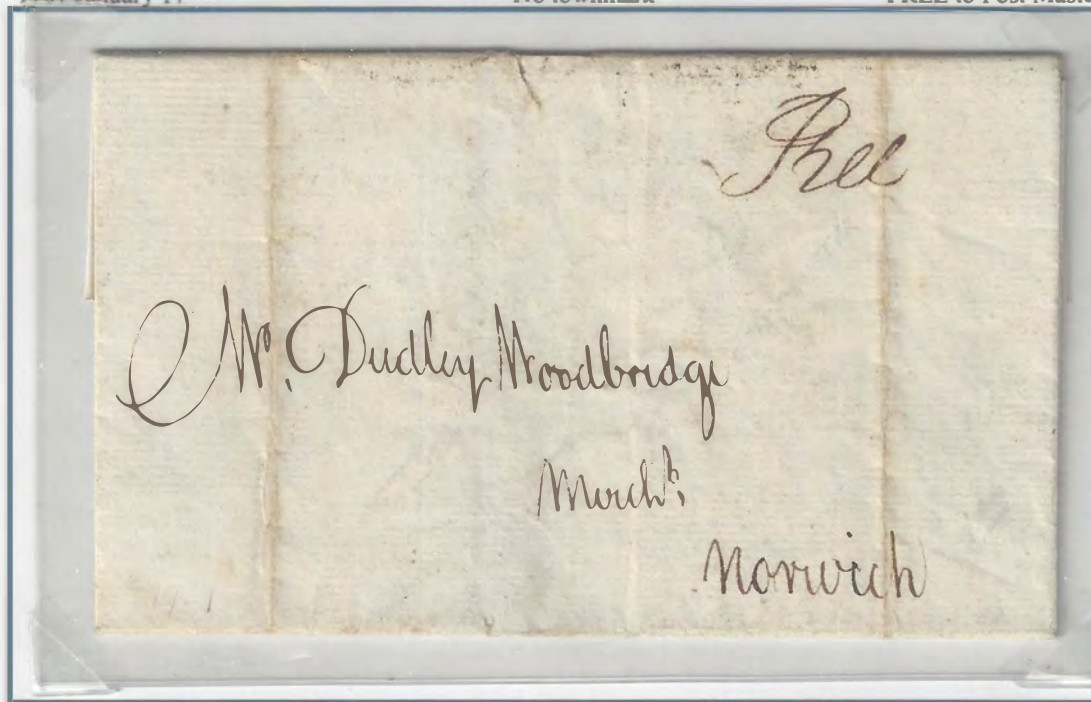
# NEW YORK

*Free*

1787 January 17

No townmark

FREE to Post Master



Stampless folded letter datelined "New York Jany 17, 1787", business letter, from Captain James Watson

Ordinance: Congress October 18, 1782

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles	---	1dwt	8gr
60 to 100 miles	----	2dwt	
100 to 200 miles	----	2dwt	16gr
200 to 300 miles	----	3dwt	8gr
300 to 400 miles	----	4dwt	
400 to 500 miles	----	4dwt	16gr
Ship letter: additional	-----		16gr
Way letter: additional	----		16gr



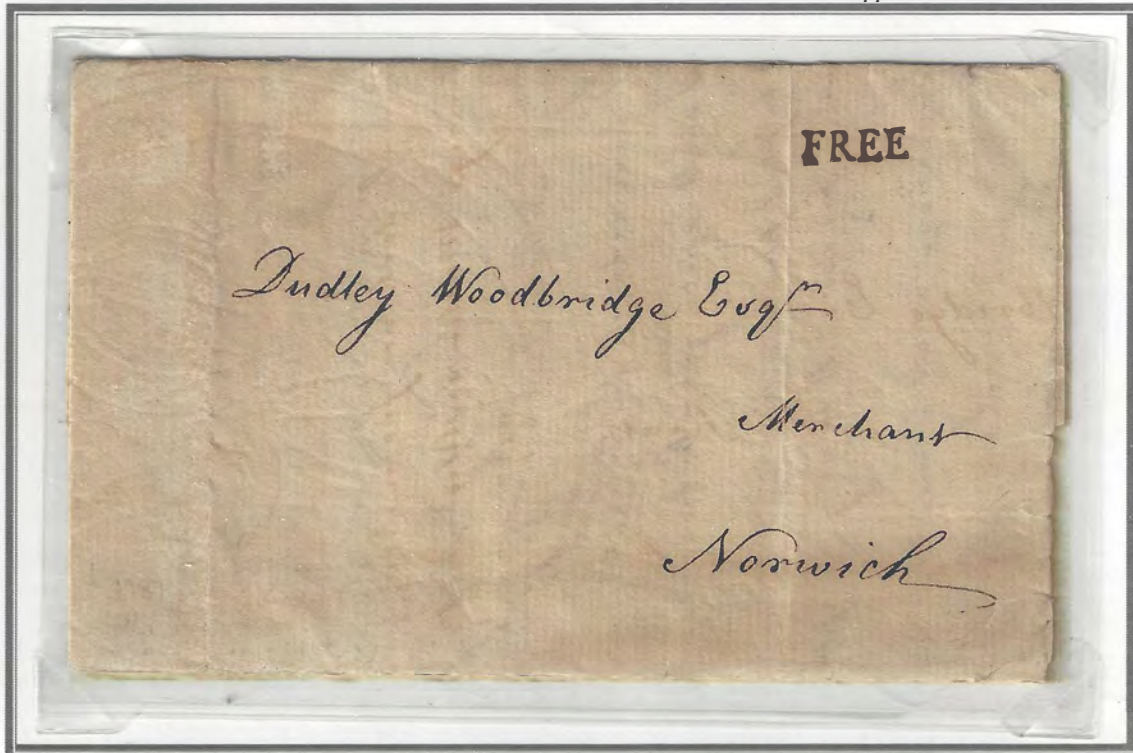
# BOSTON

**FREE**  
14x4mm

Ordinance of Congress, October 18, 1782  
Boston to Norwich Postmaster Dudley Woodbridge

1787-03-21

Boston townmark not applied but has its FREE



Stampless folded letter "FREE" datelined: Boston, March 21, 1787, business letter from David Green.

1787-04-29

Rated rescinded as recipient is Postmaster



Stampless folded letter "1:8", datelined: Boston, April 29, 1787, letter about fire in Boston from Ebenr. Seaver.

**BOSTON.**

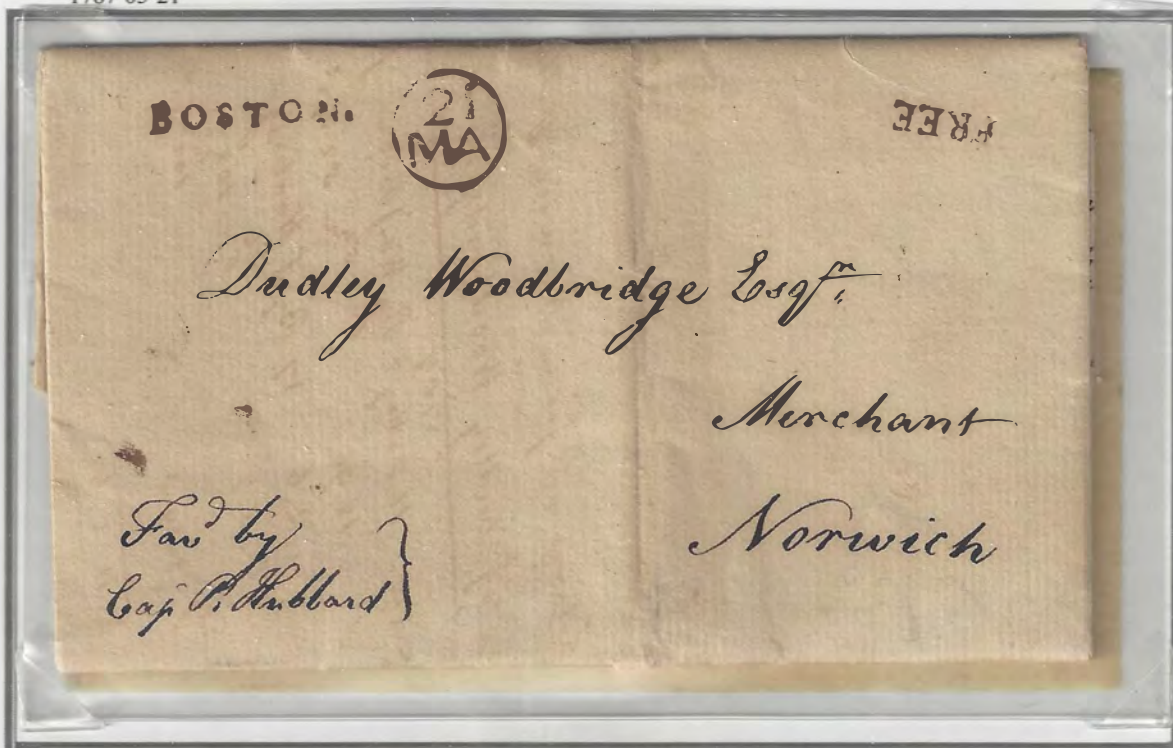
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# BOSTON

Ordinance of Congress, October 18, 1782  
Boston to Norwich Postmaster Dudley Woodbridge

FREE  
14x4mm

1787-05-21

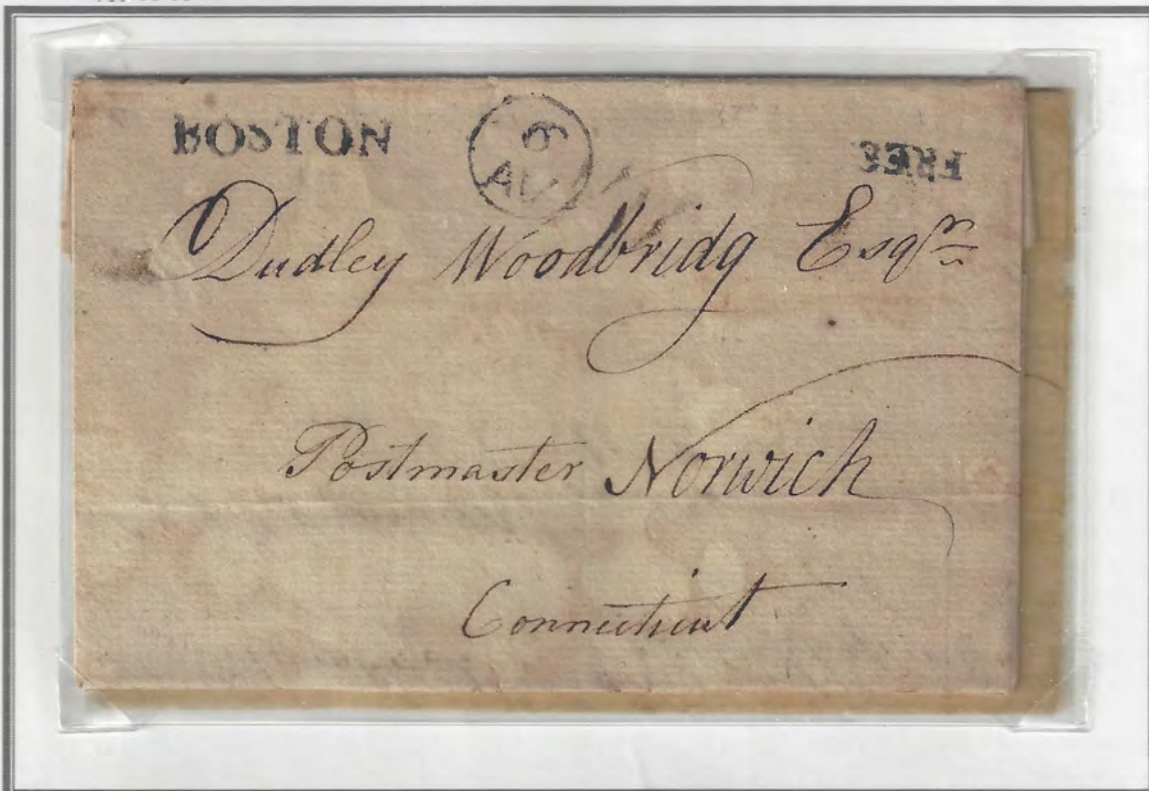


Stampless folded letter with "BOSTON." townmark and "FREE" datelined: Boston, May 19, 1787. Business letter from David Green re sale of 5 Casks of Claret from Sloop Juno, Robert Niles, Master, and Schooner Three Brothers, Z Jennings, Master.

**BOSTON**

28x4.5mm

1787-08-06



Stampless folded letter with "BOSTON." townmark and "FREE" datelined: Aux Cayes (Haiti), 23 June, 1787.

# NEW YORK



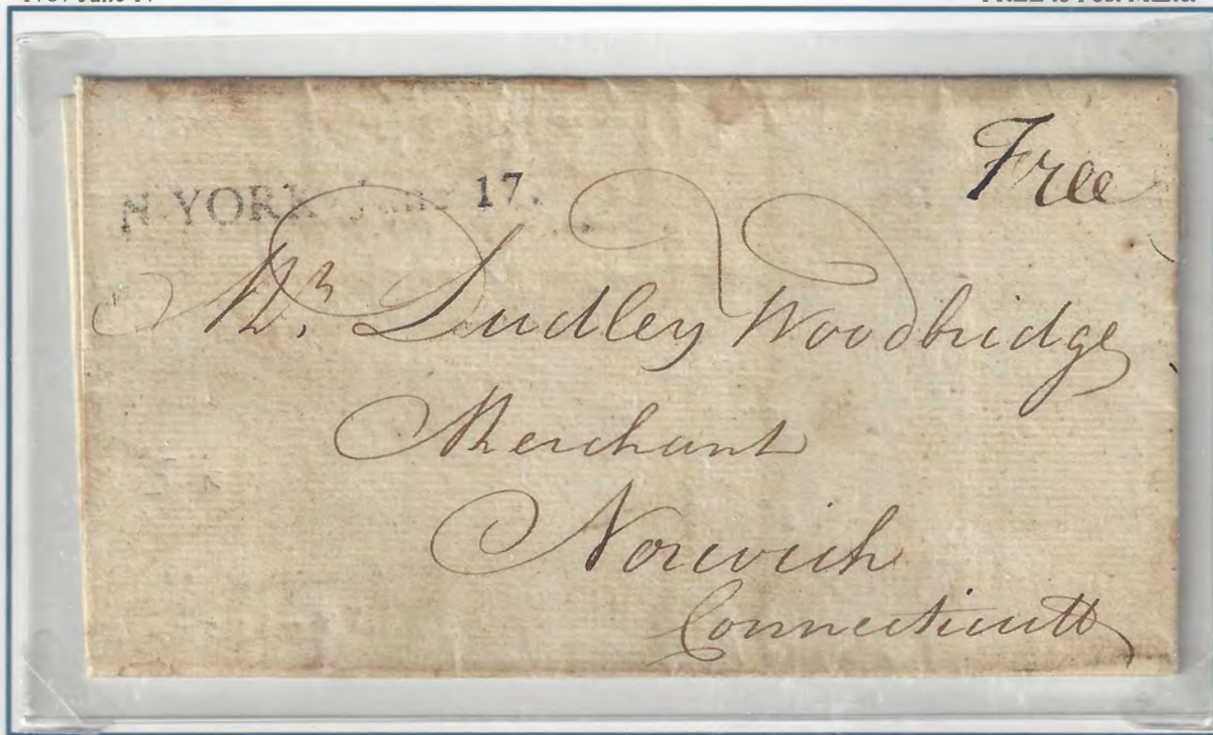
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25.5x4.5mm



manuscript

1787 June 17

FREE to Post Master



Stampless folded letter datelined "16 June 87", business letter, from William Buckle

Ordinance: Congress October 18, 1782

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles	---	1dwt	8gr
60 to 100 miles	----	2dwt	
100 to 200 miles	----	2dwt	16gr
200 to 300 miles	----	3dwt	8gr
300 to 400 miles	----	4dwt	
400 to 500 miles	----	4dwt	16gr
Ship letter: additional	-----		16gr
Way letter: additional	----		16gr

# NEW YORK



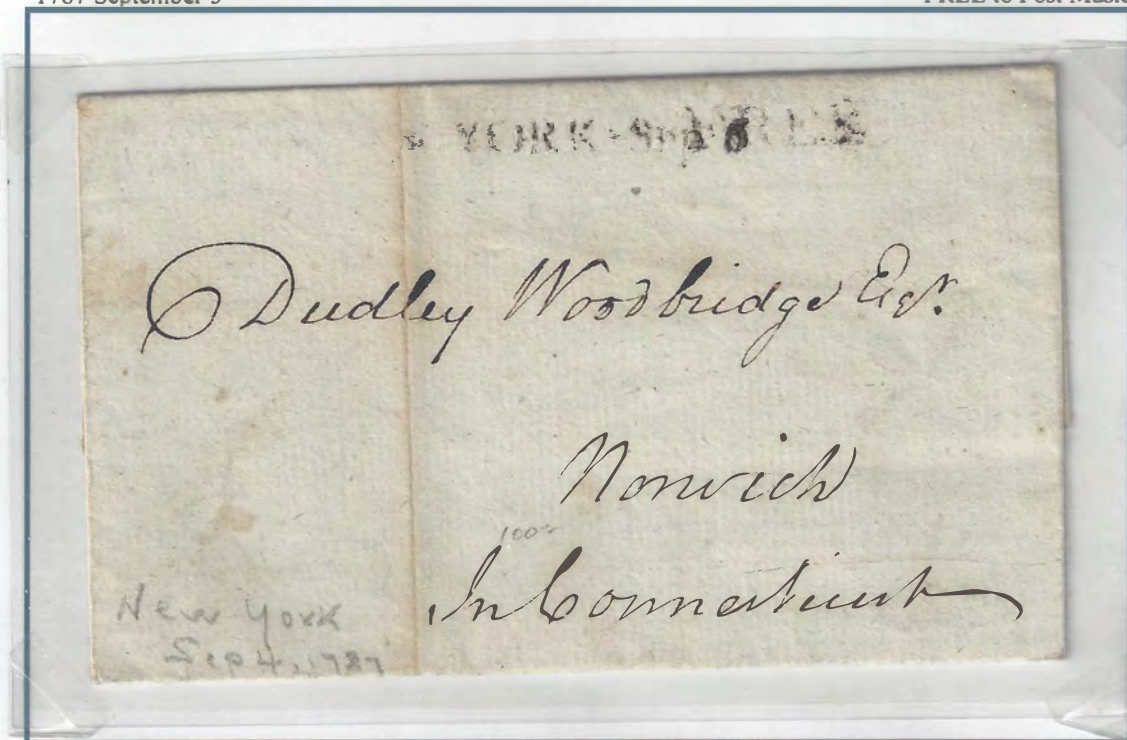
N. YORK - April 11

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**FREE**  
23x5mm

1787 September 5

FREE to Post Master



Stampless folded letter datelined "Daniel Phoenix Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1787", business letter..

Ordinance: Congress October 18, 1782

Prepaid or not

- Not over 60 miles - - - 1dwt 8gr
- 60 to 100 miles - - - - 2dwt
- 100 to 200 miles - - - - 2dwt 16gr
- 200 to 300 miles - - - - 3dwt 8gr
- 300 to 400 miles - - - - 4dwt
- 400 to 500 miles - - - - 4dwt 16gr
- Ship letter: additional - - - - 16gr
- Way letter: additional - - - - 16gr

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1/4

Mr. John Chaloner

COLCHESTER  
JUNE  
1788

Merchant

Philadelphia

3

1/3

10 3  
2 4  
2 9

Mr. Benjamin Ely

brother

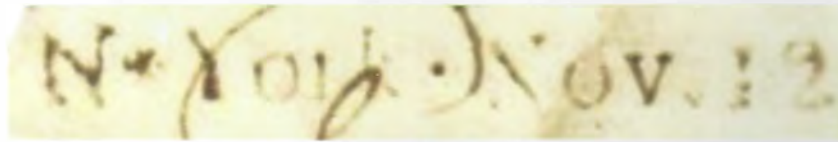
Baltimore  
in Mary Land

16th July 1791

1791

LEWIS, CT

NEW YORK

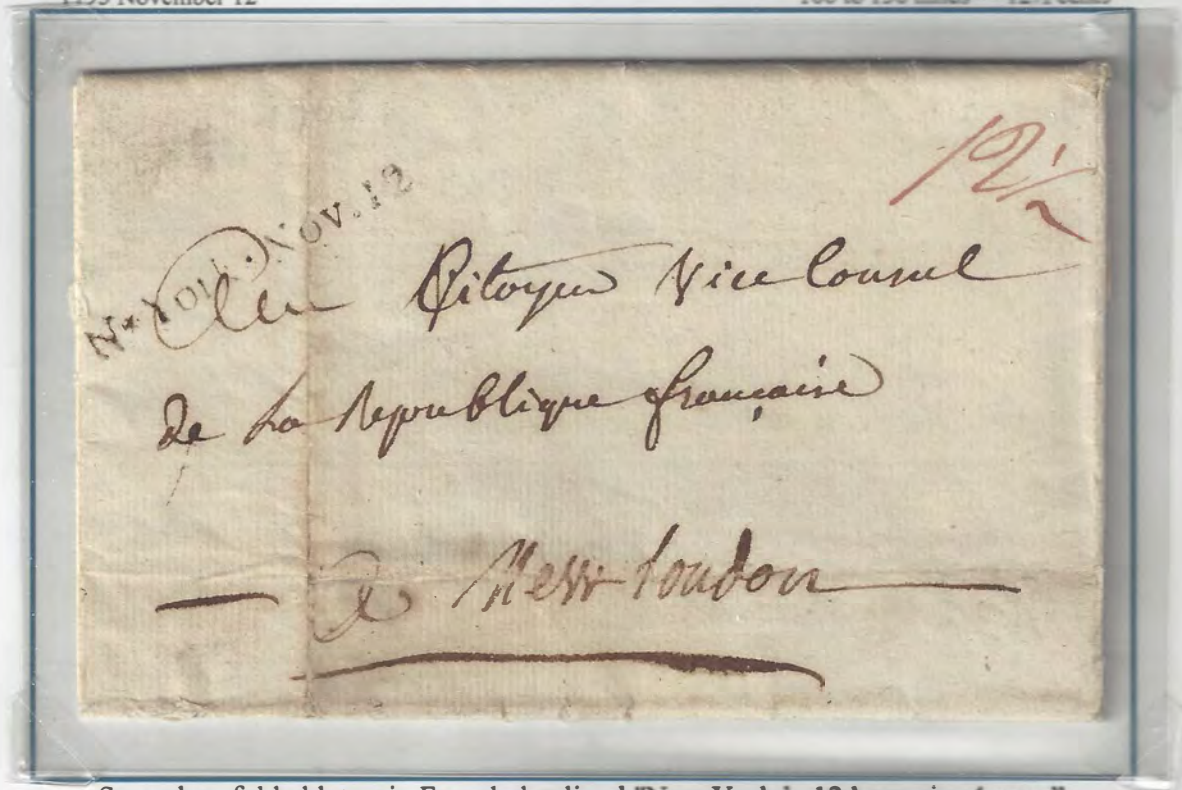


(24x4.5mm)

To  
French Vice Consul  
in  
New London

1795 November 12

100 to 150 miles -- 12½ cents



Stampless folded letter in French datelined "New York le 12 brumaire 4 anne", Jean Antoine Bernard de Rozier, the French consul in New York.

Act of February 20, 1792

Effective June 1, 1792

Prepaid or not

Not over 30 miles	----	6 cents
30 to 60 miles	-----	8 cents
60 to 100 miles	----	10 cents
100 to 150 miles	----	12 ½ cents
150 to 200 miles	----	15 cents
200 to 250 miles	----	17 cents
250 to 350 miles	----	20 cents
350 to 450 miles	----	22 cents
Over 450 miles	-----	25 cents
Ship Letter: additional	-	4 cents
Way Letter: additional	--	1 cent

Fairfield July 27  
May 10

C. Kingsbury Esq.  
Lieutenant  
Fairford

1793

WITCHFIELD PRIVATE POST  
NY TO WICKFIELD TO HARTFORD  
became a Post Road - 1793  
but the Woodbury Loop <sup>was added</sup>  
REMAINED PRIVATE to this day

Major Amasa Keyes

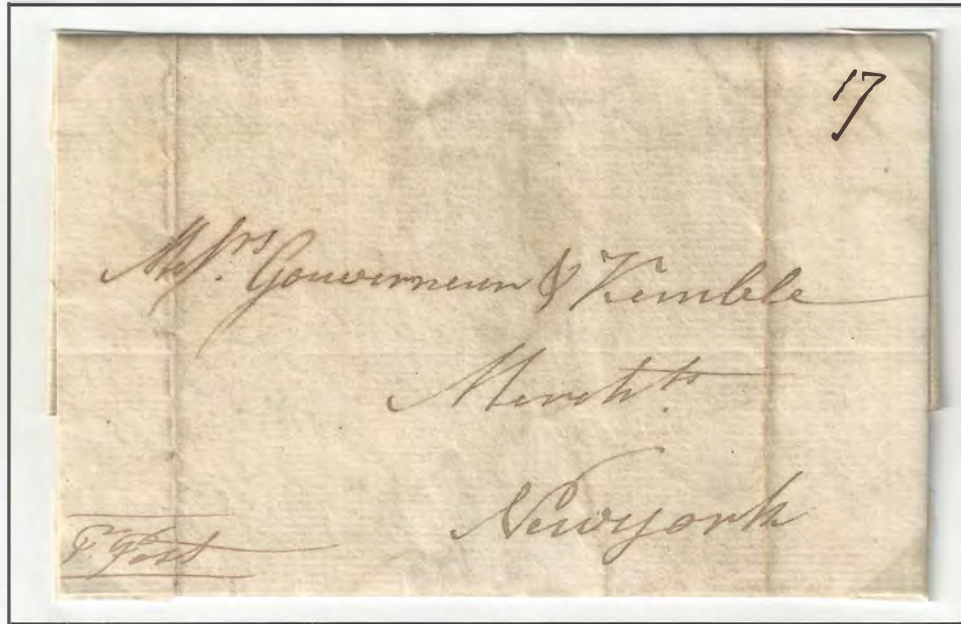
Hartford

~~Post #16~~

1793

BRISTOL

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DATRLINED: BRISTOL 28 NOVEMBER 1796

Bristol, R. I. Aug<sup>th</sup> 11.

Paid, 10.

August 11, 1801





# NEW YORK



Act of May 8, 1794  
Effective June 1, 1794  
150 to 200 miles - - - - - 154 cents

1798 November 17

150 to 200 miles - - 15 cents



Stampless folded business letter from B M Mumford, with Olive "NEW YORK" clam shell handstamp and manuscript 15 cent rate.,

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

Re-enacts rates of 1792

Prepaid or not

Not over 30 miles - - - -	6 cents
30 to 60 miles - - - - -	8 cents
60 to 100 miles - - - -	10 cents
100 to 150 miles - - - -	12 ½ cents
150 to 200 miles - - - -	15 cents
200 to 250 miles - - - -	17 cents
250 to 350 miles - - - -	20 cents
350 to 450 miles - - - -	22 cents
Over 450 miles - - - - -	25 cents
Ship Letter: additional -	4 cents
Way Letter: additional - -	1 cent

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Dyer  
White, Esquire,  
Surveyor of the Revenue  
New Haven.

WETHERS 1870

1799

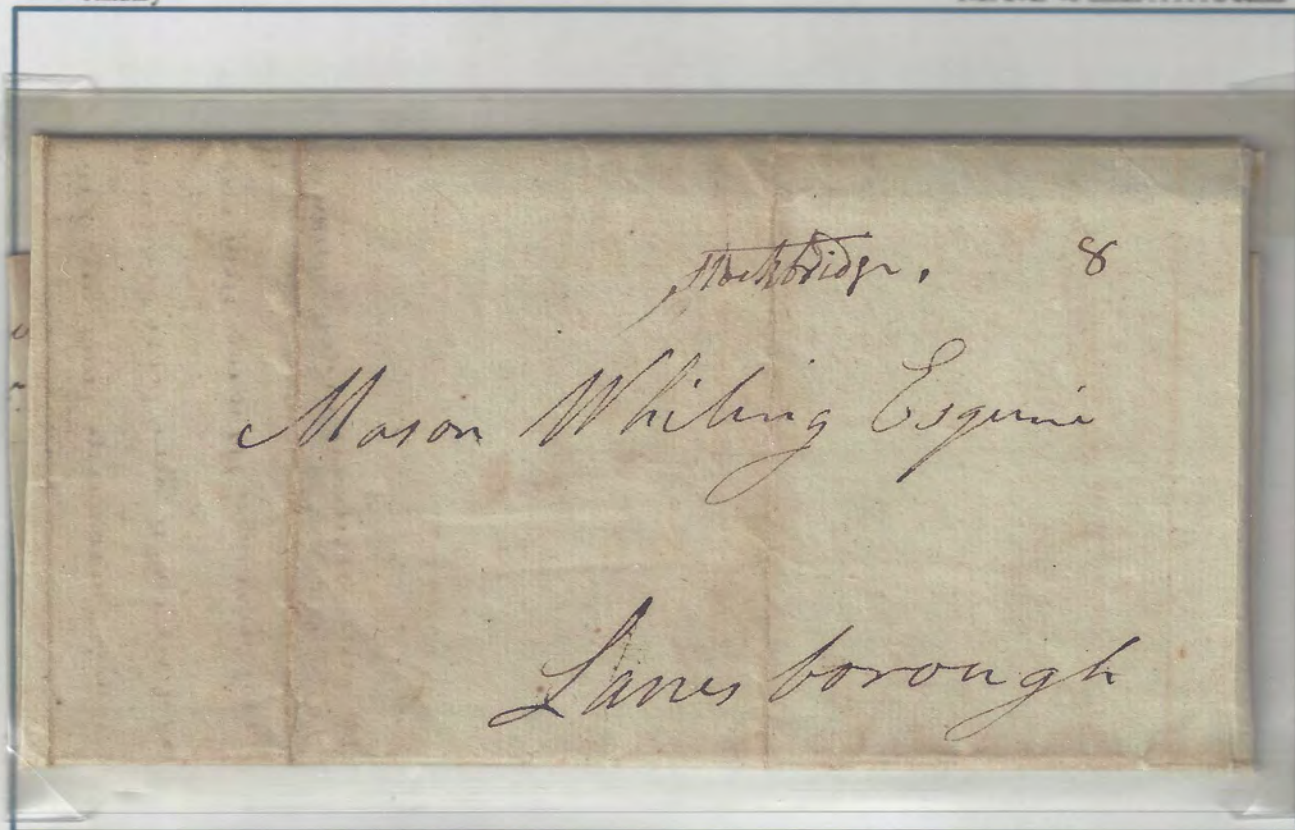
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# STOCKBRIDGE

Act of March 3, 1825  
Effective May 1, 1825

1800 January 5

Not over 40 miles ..... 8 cents



Manuscript "Stockbridge" townmark and rate "8" cents on stampless folded letter with enclosure from Mary Edwards to Mason Whiting, Esquire.

Act of March 2, 1799  
Effective March 2, 1799

Prepaid or not

Not over 40 miles	-----	8 cents
40 to 90 miles	-----	10 cents
90 to 150 miles	-----	12 ½ cents
150 to 300 miles	-----	17 cents
300 to 500 miles	-----	20 cents
Over 500 miles	-----	25 cents
Ship Letter: additional	-	2 cents
Way Letter: additional	--	1 cent

Stockbridge

Wm W. Whiting Esq

1800

May 9  
Charg'd by [Signature]

James May Jr

Wed June 23

Free

Wethersfield  
John Chester Supervisor

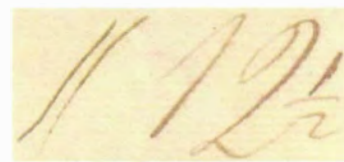
Rec'd June 24 1799  
Am July 1 1799

Dyer White Esquire

Collector of the Excise

New Haven

# NEW YORK



Accounting slashes and rate

Act of March 2, 1799  
90 to 150 miles ----- 12½ cents

1800 August 28

90 to 150 miles -- 12½ cents



Stampless folded re stock account letter from Henry Remsen, with "NEW YORK" clam shell handstamp, On arrival the Suffield Post Master listed the postage due in Mr. Phelps Post Office account, which is noted by the double slashes.

Act of March 2, 1799  
 Effective March 2, 1799  
 Prepaid or not

Not over 40 miles	-----	8 cents
40 to 90 miles	-----	10 cents
90 to 150 miles	-----	12 ½ cents
150 to 300 miles	-----	17 cents
300 to 500 miles	-----	20 cents
Over 500 miles	-----	25 cents
Ship Letter: additional	-	2 cents
Way Letter: additional	--	1 cent

# NEW YORK



**Act of March 2, 1799**  
150 to 300 miles ----- 17 cents  
Double Rate

**PRIVATE CARRIER DELIVERY**  
2 cents

1801 Sep 15

Post Office Double rate of 34 cents plus 2cents Private Carrier



Stampless folded letter from Elisha and William Coit, with "NEW YORK" clam shell handstamp, Letter was delivered to the Norwich Post Office, just over 2 miles from the recipients (Andrew & Joseph Perkins) place of business at Chelsea Landing. They paid a private carrier to deliver there letters to them. They added the 2 cents paid the carrier to the letter as a part of accounting practice.

Act of March 2, 1799  
Effective March 2, 1799  
Prepaid or not

Not over 40 miles ---- 8 cents  
40 to 90 miles ----- 10 cents  
90 to 150 miles ----- 12 ½ cents  
150 to 300 miles ----- 17 cents  
300 to 500 miles ----- 20 cents  
Over 500 miles ----- 25 cents  
Ship Letter: additional - 2 cents  
Way Letter: additional -- 1 cent